

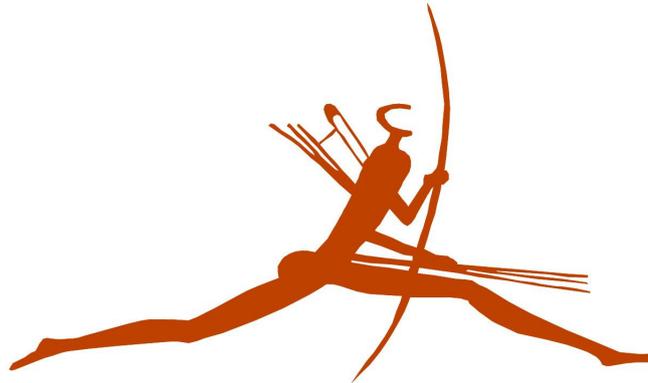
# Statement to Accompany HWC NID

## Proposed Construction of a Dwelling on Erf 569, Keurbaai, Keurboomstrand, Plettenberg Bay, Eden, Western Cape Province

prepared for

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## **1. Introduction**

The proposed development involves the construction of a single residential dwelling on Erf 569, Keurbaai, Keurboomstrand, Plettenberg Bay, Eden, Western Cape Province (See Figures 1 through 4). The proposed activity will involve vegetation clearing and earthmoving activities in a portion of Erf 569 while the remainder of the property will remain undisturbed (Figure 4).

The activity will not change the character of the site since residential dwellings already exist in the immediate vicinity. The proposed activity does not trigger the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999). However, because the property is situated less than 100m from the shoreline, the activity does trigger the National Environmental Management Act. As a result, an Environmental Impact Assessment is required and a Notification of Intent to Develop (NID) is included among the materials submitted to Heritage Western Cape (HWC). The proposed development is lodged for a Basic Assessment EIA process with DEA&DP in George.

This Statement and accompanying NID serve to inform HWC of the proposed activity and to make recommendations regarding heritage resources that may or may not be affected by the proposed activity. The author was appointed by bluepebble– independent environmental agency to conduct a site visit of the affected area, to complete relevant sections of the NID and to produce this Statement for submission to HWC.

This document includes information obtained from bluepebble– independent environmental agency and further details and specifications may be obtained from Mr Jonathan Kingwill (see contact information on title page).

## **2. Study Area**

Erf 569 is roughly 0.1ha in extent and is located along the shoreline near the holiday village of Keurbooms Beach, which is approximately 12km NE of Plettenberg Bay (Figures 1 & 2). The land use in the immediate surroundings is general residential. The vegetation is in near pristine condition and is dominated by Cape coastal Fynbos species and thicket and sediments consist of aeolian dune sands (Plates 1 & 2).

The study area was accessed by vehicle by travelling north from Plettenberg Bay on the N2 and by taking the Keurboomstrand turnoff (see red directional arrows in Figure 1). The study was conducted independently.

## **4. Site Inspection and Results**

During the site inspection, survey tracks were fixed with a hand held Garmin Camo GPS to record the search area. Photo localities were also fixed by GPS. Digital audio notes and a high quality, comprehensive digital photographic record were also made (full data set available from author on request).

The affected property was inspected on 29 January 2012 with a focus on the impact of the proposed activity on archaeological and heritage related resources. No such resources were identified on the property.

## 5. Recommendations

Because no traces of archaeological or heritage related resources were identified on the property, it is recommended that no further heritage related investigations are necessary. From an archaeological or heritage perspective, there are no objections to the authorisation of the proposed activity on Erf 569, Keurbaai, Plettenberg Bay.

### Figures and Plates (on following pages)

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Figure 1 - Erf 569 Keurbooms – Nilssen.jpeg

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Figure 2. Enlarged area indicated in Figure 1 showing the location and extent of Erf569, Keurboomstrand.

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Figure 3. Layout and coordinate data for boundary points of Erf 569 Keurboomstrand (north is up). WGS 84, SA National Grid. Courtesy of bluepebble – independent environmental agency

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Figure 4. Layout plan for the proposed residential dwelling on Erf 569. Courtesy of bluepebble – independent environmental agency.

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Plate 1. Panoramic views. Top image shows Erf 569 from its northern boundary. Bottom image shows the southern portion of Erf 569 as viewed from the seaward extent of the proposed dwelling.

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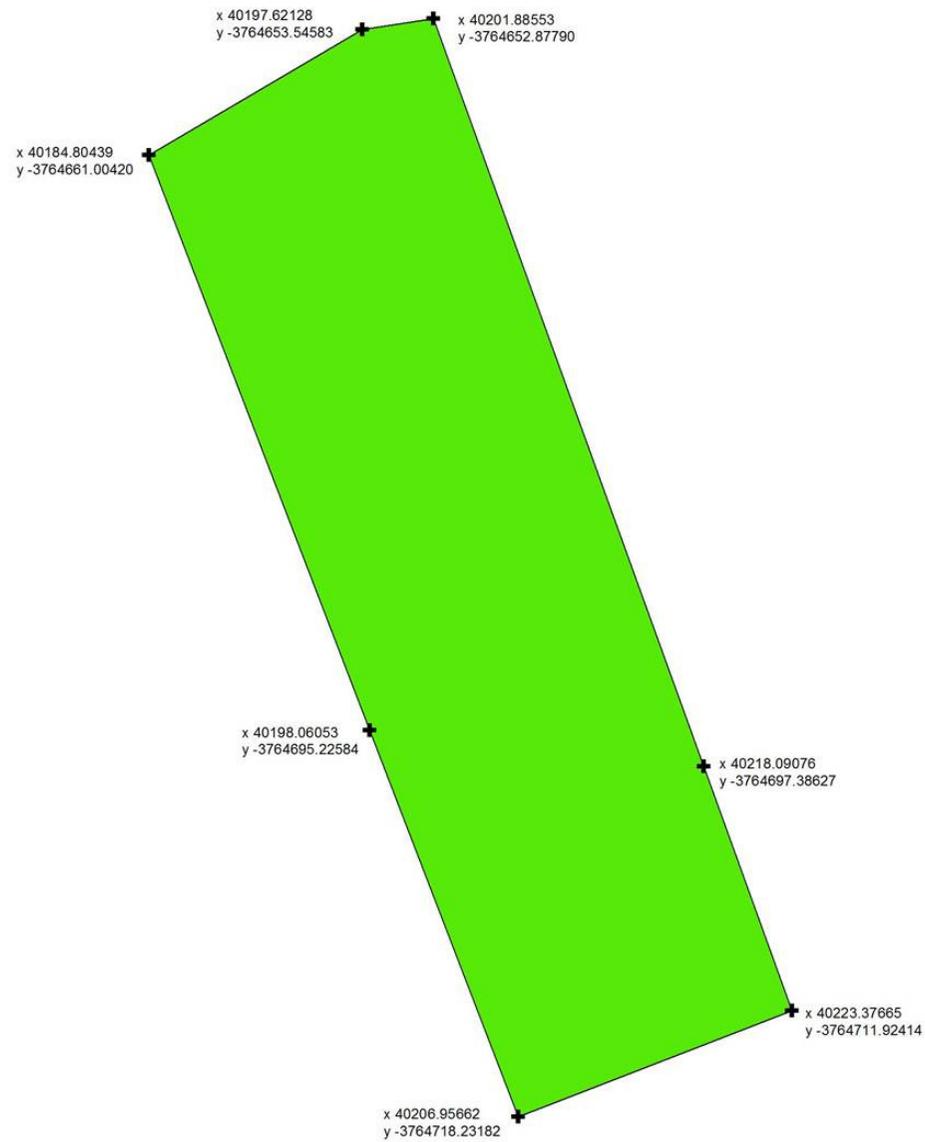


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